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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **HABERMEHL**

Killed in Action

Hometown: CHEEKTOWAGA

BERNARD J.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: AIR FORCE

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Served in War Zone **Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

Service Notes:

Bernard J. Habermehl honorably served in the United States Air Force Reserves

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Bernard Habermehl was a member of Alfred Jurek American Legion Post #1672 . Bernard J. Habermehl passed away on 5 December 2024 at the age of 94 years old and is interred at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Cheektowaga, New York

The U.S. Air Force Reserve (AFRC) is a federal reserve component of the United States Air Force / It has approximately 450 aircraft assigned for which it has sole control, as well as access to several hundred additional active-duty USAF aircraft via AFRC "Associate" wings that are collocated with active-duty Air Force wings / The AFRC is actively involved in operations around the world and contributes to the Air Force mission



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Name: HAENDIGES

Killed in Action

Hometown: TONAWANDA

CHARLES

W.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: MARINE CORPS

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Served in War Zone **Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

Service Notes:

Charles W. "Chuck" Haendiges honorably served in the United States Marine Corps

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Charles Haendiges was employed by Al's Super Service in the City of Tonawanda / Charles W. "Chuck" Haendiges passed away on 11 January 2026 at the age of 82 years old



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Name: HALLGREN

Killed in Action

Hometown: AMHERST

FREDERICK C.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Served in War Zone **Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

Service Notes:

Frederick C. Hallgren honorably served in the United States Army

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Frederick Hallgren graduated from the Michigan Tech University / Frederick C. Hallgren passed away on 25 October 2022 at the age of 94 years old and is interred at White Chapel Memorial Park, Amherst, New York



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Name: HALLIMAN

Killed in Action

Hometown: BUFFALO

RONALD

E.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Year Entered: 1950

Year Discharged: KIA

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "G", 2ND BATTALION, 8TH CAVALRY DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

PURPLE HEART

KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL

UNITED NATIONS SERVICE MEDAL-KOREA

REPUBLIC OF KOREA PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION

COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE

ARMY PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION

NATIONAL DEFENSE MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Served in War Zone **Theater of Operations / Assignment:** KOREA

Service Notes:

Private First-Class Ronald Eugene Halliman honorably served in the United States Army / PFC Ronald Halliman was assigned as a Light Weapons Infantryman and deployed to Korea with the 8th Cavalry Regiment / PFC Halliman was classified as Missing In Action in September 1950 during heavy fighting during the defense of the Pusan & Naktong perimeter

On September 3, 1950, the 8th Cavalry Regiment and the 2nd Engineer Battalion, both elements of the 1st Cavalry Division, were holding a defensive line between Tabu-dong and Taegu at the upper end of the Naktong Perimeter / Company F of the 8th Cavalry, defending Hill 448, was attacked by elements of North Korea's 13th Infantry Division and forced to retreat to Hill 449, defended by Company G of the 8th Cavalry / The 8th Cavalry Regiment found itself cut off from its supply train and withdrew from the area to keep from being surrounded by the enemy / Upon reaching the village of Tabu-dong, members of Companies D and E of the 8th Cavalry became involved in hut-to-hut fighting before they could retreat / Meanwhile, elements of the 2nd Engineer Battalion, which had been ordered to take and hold Hill 755, were also forced to withdraw / United States forces did not re-take this territory until 21 September 1950 / Private First-Class Ronald Eugene Halliman, who joined the U.S. Army from New York, served with G Company, 2nd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division / Witnesses reported he was killed in action on 3 September 1950, by enemy hand grenades near the village of Igoktong in the area of Hill 449 / United States troops were forced to withdraw rapidly from the area where PFC Halliman fell, and by the time U.S. forces returned to Hill 449 on September 21, his remains had disappeared



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The Pusan Perimeter was one of the first major engagements of the Korean War with 140,000 United Nations troops pushed to the brink of defeat before making a final stand against 98,000 North Korean troops / During the battle, the First Cavalry Division suffered 770 killed, 2,613 wounded and 62 captured

Private First-Class Ronald Eugene Halliman was declared Killed in Action on 31 December 1953 / PFC Halliman is listed in the Courts of the Missing, National Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu, Hawaii and the National Korean War Veterans Memorial, Washington, District of Columbia

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Ronald Halliman was a 1950 graduate of South Park High School / Ronald Eugene Halliman was 18 years old at the time of his passing

Light Weapons Infantryman lack heavy weapons and armor or with a reduced vehicle footprint / Light infantry units lack the greater firepower, operational mobility and protection of mechanized or armored units, but possess greater tactical mobility and the ability to execute missions in severely restrictive terrain and in areas where weather makes vehicular mobility difficult / Light infantry forces typically rely on their ability to operate under restrictive conditions, surprise, violence of action, training, stealth, field craft, and fitness levels of the individual soldiers to compensate for their reduced lethality / Despite the usage of the term "light", forces in a light unit must carry everything they require to fight, survive and win due to lack of vehicles

The 8th Cavalry Regiment is a regiment of the United States Army formed in 1866 during the American Indian Wars / The 8th Cavalry continued to serve under a number of designations, fighting in every other major U.S. conflict since, except World War I, when it was not deployed to Europe because it was already engaged in the Punitive Expedition in Mexico from 1916 to 1920 / It is currently a component of the 1st Cavalry Division / The regiment originally was organized as horse cavalry in 1866, a designation under U.S. military doctrine that emphasized both light cavalry and dragoon-type mounted and dismounted fighting roles, until 1942 / It served on foot during World War II and Korea, with some elements converting to airmobile infantry for Vietnam, while others were detached and assigned to West Germany as part of an armored task force to resist any potential Soviet incursion / In 1965, 1st Battalion (ABN), 8th Cavalry Regiment arrived in Vietnam, and participated in numerous campaigns in South Vietnam and Cambodia / The battalion was awarded two Presidential Unit Citations, the Valorous Unit Citation, and four soldiers were awarded with the nation's highest honor, the Medal of Honor

The Purple Heart was instituted in 1782 by George Washington and is the first and oldest military American decoration / The Purple Heart is awarded to military service members wounded or killed in action, in the latter case posthumously

The Korean Service Medal (KSM) is a military award for service in the United States Armed Forces and was established November 8, 1950 by executive order of President Harry Truman / The Korean Service Medal is the primary US military award for service or participation in operations in the Korean area between June 27, 1950 and July 27, 1954 / Bronze service stars were awarded to all services for participation in designated campaigns

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United Nations Service Medal (Korea) is awarded to any military service member, of an Armed Force allied with South Korea, who participated in the defense of South Korea from North Korea between the dates of 27 June 1950 and 27 July 1954

The Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation was awarded to units of the United Nations Command for service in Korea during the Korean Conflict from 1950 to 1954 / In recognition of allied military service to South Korea during the Korean War, all United States military departments were authorized the unit award for that period

The Combat Infantryman Badge (CIB) is a United States Army military award / The badge is awarded to infantrymen and Special Forces soldiers in the rank of colonel and below, who fought in active ground combat while assigned as members of either an Infantry, Ranger or Special Forces unit, of brigade size or smaller, any time after 6 December 1941

A Marksmanship Badge is a U.S. military badge or a civilian badge which is awarded to personnel upon successful completion of a weapons qualification course (known as marksmanship qualification badges) or high achievement in an official marksmanship competition (known as marksmanship competition badges) / The U.S. Army and the U.S. Marine Corps are the only military services that award marksmanship qualification badges / The U.S. military marksmanship qualification badges are awarded in three grades (highest to lowest): expert, sharpshooter, and marksman while their marksmanship competition badges are awarded in three to four grades (highest to lowest): distinguished, silver, and bronze for the U.S. Army and distinguished, gold, silver, and bronze for the Marine Corps

The Presidential Unit Citation, originally called the Distinguished Unit Citation, is awarded to units of the United States Armed Forces for extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy on or after 7 December 1941

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The Good Conduct Medal is one of the oldest military awards of the United States Armed Forces / The Navy Good Conduct Medal was established in 1869, the Marine Corps version in 1896, the Coast Guard version in 1923, the Army version in 1941, and the Air Force version in 1963 / The medal is awarded to any active-duty enlisted member of the United States military who completes three consecutive years of "honorable and faithful service" / Such service implies that a standard enlistment was completed without any non-judicial punishment, disciplinary infractions, or court martial offenses



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Name: HALLMARK

Killed in Action

Hometown: JASPER, AL

JAMES

C.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: MSGT

Year Entered: 1944

Year Discharged: 1965

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

BRONZE STAR MEDAL

PURPLE HEART

KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL

UNITED NATIONS SERVICE MEDAL FOR KOREA

ARMY OF OCCUPATION MEDAL

COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE

EAME CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Served in War Zone **Theater of Operations / Assignment:** KOREA

Service Notes:

Master Sergeant James Hallmark honorably served in the United States Army / MSGT James Hallmark served in both World War II, in the European Theater, and the Korean War / MSGT Hallmark's last military assignment was as an Army Recruiter / MSGT Hallmark earned the Bronze Star Medal for heroic action while engaged with the enemy and received the Purple Heart for wounds suffered on the battlefield

After twenty-one years in the Army, James C. Hallmark retired from active military service with an Honorable Discharge

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

James Hallmark went to work in the private sector for M&T Bank in Western New York and eventually retired / Hallmark was a longtime member of the Kiwanis Club / James C. Hallmark passed away on 25 December 1983, at the age of 64 and is interred at Saint Matthews Cemetery, West Seneca, New York

The Bronze Star Medal is the fourth-highest individual military award and the ninth-highest by order of precedence in the US Military / It may be awarded for acts of heroism, acts of merit, or meritorious service in a combat zone

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The Army of Occupation Medal is a military award of the United States military which was established by the United States War Department on 5 April 1946 / The medal was created in the aftermath of the Second World War to recognize those who had performed occupation service in either Germany, Italy, Austria, Japan or Korea / The original Army of Occupation Medal was intended only for members of the United States Army, but was expanded in 1948 to encompass the United States Air Force shortly after that service's creation / The Navy and Marine equivalent of the Army of Occupation Medal is the Navy Occupation Service Medal, which features the same ribbon with its own medallion and clasps

The Combat Infantryman Badge is awarded to infantrymen and Special Forces Soldiers in the rank of Colonel and below, who personally fought in active ground combat while assigned as members of an infantry, Ranger or Special Forces unit, of brigade size or smaller, any time after 6 December 1941

The European-African-Middle Eastern (EAME) Campaign Medal was a military award of the United States Armed Forces which was first created on 6 November 1942 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt / The medal was intended to recognize those military service members who had performed military duty in the European Theater (to include North Africa and the Middle East) and was awarded for any service performed between 7 December 1941 and 2 March 1946 / The European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal was awarded as a service ribbon throughout the entire Second World War

The World War II Victory Medal was first issued as a service ribbon referred to as the "Victory Ribbon" / By 1946, a full medal had been established which was referred to as the World War II Victory Medal / The medal commemorates military service during World War II and is awarded to any member of the United States military, including members of the armed forces of the Government of the Philippine Islands, who served on active duty, or as a reservist, between 7 December 1941 and 31 December 1946

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version in 1941, and the Air Force version in 1963 / The medal is awarded to any active-duty enlisted member of the United States military who completes three consecutive years of "honorable and faithful service" / Such service implies that a standard enlistment was completed without any non-judicial punishment, disciplinary infractions, or court martial offenses

Name: **HALT**

Killed in Action

Hometown: GRAND ISLAND

FREDERICK

W.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: AIR FORCE

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Served in War Zone Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Frederick W. Halt honorably served in the United States Air Force / Frederick Halt performed with the 512th Air Force Band at Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma City

Base Assignments:

Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma Tinker AFB is a major United States Air Force base, with tenant U.S. Navy and other Department of Defense missions, located in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma / The base, originally known as the Midwest Air Depot, is named in honor of Oklahoma native Major General Clarence L. Tinker, the first Native American major general / Tinker is the headquarters of the Air Force Materiel Command's (AFMC) Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center (OC-ALC), which is the worldwide manager for a wide range of aircraft, engines, missiles, software and avionics and accessories components

Miscellaneous:

Frederick Halt graduated from the Eastman School of Music in 1959 with a Master's Degree in Music / Frederick Halt was a musician with the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, where he played for 36 years as second chair trombonist, retiring in 1995 / Halt was a member of ISCOM and A.O.P.A. (Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association) / Frederick W. Halt passed away on 14 July 2021 at the age of 89 years old



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Name: HARPER

Killed in Action

Hometown: BUFFALO

RAYNARD

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Served in War Zone **Theater of Operations / Assignment:** KOREA

Service Notes:

Raynard Harper honorably served in the United States Army and was deployed to Korea

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Raynard Harper was the owner of Harper's Auto Shop / Reverand Raynard Harper passed away on 14 November 2022 at the age of 93 years old and is interred at Western New York National Cemetery, Corfu, New York



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Name: HARRIS

Killed in Action

Hometown: CLARENCE

FRANK

M.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Served in War Zone **Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

Service Notes:

Frank M. Harris honorably served in the United States Navy

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Frank Harris owned and operated the Northwoods Corporation, a full service insurance agency, in Clarence, New York / Harris was a member of the Clarence Rotary Club / Frank M. Harris passed away on 1 October 2024 at the age of 87 years old and is interred at the Clarence Fillmore Cemetery, Clarence, New York

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Name: HARRIS

Killed in Action

Hometown: BUFFALO

JOHN

R.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank:

Year Entered: 1951

Year Discharged: 1953

Unit / Squadron:

USS CORAL SEA (CVA-43)

Medals / Citations:

Served in War Zone **Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

Service Notes:

John R. Harris honorably served in the United States Navy / John Harris was assigned as an Electrician Apprentice, Ship

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

USS Coral Sea (CV/CVB/CVA-43), a Midway-class aircraft carrier, was the third ship of the United States Navy to be named for the Battle of the Coral Sea / She earned the affectionate nickname "Ageless Warrior" through her long career / Initially classified as an aircraft carrier with hull classification symbol CV-43, she was reclassified as a "Large Aircraft Carrier" with hull classification symbol CVB-43 on 15 July 1943 / Coral Sea was one of the last U.S Navy carriers to be completed with a straight flight deck, with an angled flight deck added on during later modernizations / The Coral Sea operated in the Mediterranean for duty with the Sixth Fleet from 9 September 1950 to 1 February 1951 / Coral Sea was decommissioned at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard on 24 May 1957 to receive a major conversion (SCB 110A) / Following the Gulf of Tonkin incident in August 1963, Coral Sea departed on 7 December 1964 for duty with the Seventh Fleet / On 7 February 1965, her aircraft, along with those from Ranger and Hancock, conducted Operation Flaming Dart against the military barracks and staging areas near Đồng Hới in the southern sector of North Vietnam / The raids were in retaliation for a damaging Viet Cong attack on installations around Pleiku in South Vietnam / On 26 March, the Seventh Fleet units began their participation in Operation Rolling Thunder, a systematic bombing of military targets throughout North Vietnam / Pilots from Coral Sea struck island and coastal radar stations in the vicinity of Vinh / On 3 April Vietnam People's Air Force MiG-17s attacked aircraft from Coral Sea and Hancock in the first United States aerial combat of the Vietnam conflict / On 12 to 14 May 1975, Coral Sea participated with other Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps forces in the Mayaguez incident, the recovery of the U.S. merchant ship SS Mayaguez and her 39 crew, illegally seized on 12 May in international waters by Khmer Rouge gunboats / On 25 March 1983, Coral Sea, having been reassigned to the Atlantic Fleet, left Alameda for her new homeport of Norfolk / The Navy sent the ship on a six-month around-the-world cruise, with ports of call in five countries / After nearly 43 years of service, the Coral Sea was decommissioned on 26 April 1990 and stricken from the



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Naval Vessel Register two days later / On 7 May 1993, she was sold for scrap, minus her electronics, weapons, and other usable equipment

Name: **HARTMAN**

Killed in Action

Hometown: CHEEKTOWAGA

KENNETH

M

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Served in War Zone **Theater of Operations / Assignment:** KOREA

Service Notes:

Kenneth McKinstry Hartman honorably served in the United States Army and was deployed to Korea

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Kenneth Hartman was a retired Erie County Sheriff / Kenneth McKinstry Hartman passed away on 30 March 2018



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Name: HARTMAN

Killed in Action

Hometown:

KENNETH

R.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Served in War Zone *Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

Service Notes:

Kenneth R. Hartman honorably served in the United States Navy

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Kenneth Hartman was a 1958 graduate of Tonawanda High School / Kenneth Hartman was a life member of Tonawandas Post #264 American Legion and a longtime coach of Tonawanda National Little League (TNLL) and Tonawanda Football Clinic (TFC) / Kenneth R. Hartman passed away on 16 January 2020 at the age of 79 years old



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Name: HARTMAN

Killed in Action

Hometown: TONAWANDA

KENNETH

W.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Served in War Zone **Theater of Operations / Assignment:** KOREA

Service Notes:

Kenneth Walter Hartman honorably served in the United States Army and was deployed to Korea

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Kenneth Hartman was a 35 year Buffalo retired Firefighter, Truck 12 / Hartman relocated to Georgia in 1986 / Kenneth Walter Hartman passed away on 7 June 2014 at the age of 82 years old



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Name: HARTMAN, JR.

Killed in Action

Hometown: BUFFALO

KENNETH G.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: AIR FORCE

Rank: A1C

Year Entered: 1952

Year Discharged: 1956

Unit / Squadron:

823RD AIR POLICE SQUADRON, 823RD AIR BASE GROUP (SAC)

Medals / Citations:

KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL

UNITED NATIONS SERVICE MEDAL

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Served in War Zone **Theater of Operations / Assignment:** KOREA

Service Notes:

Airman First-Class Kenneth G. Hartman, Jr. honorably served in the United States Air Force

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The 823d Air Division is an inactive United States Air Force organization / The division was first activated in June 1956 at Homestead Air Force Base / Its last assignment was with Strategic Air Command (SAC)'s Second Air Force at McCoy Air Force Base, Florida / The 823d was inactivated at the end of June 1971 and its mission, personnel and equipment were transferred to the 42d Air Division, which was simultaneously activated at McCoy

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Name: HASTINGS

Killed in Action

Hometown:

THOMAS

G.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: MARINE CORPS

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Served in War Zone *Theater of Operations / Assignment:* KOREA

Service Notes:

Thomas G. Hastings honorably served in the United States Marine Corps and was deployed to Korea

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Thomas Hastings was a retired Master Plumber of Union Local #22, Buffalo, New York / Thomas G. Hastings passed away on 26 January 2025 at the age of 94 years old and is interred at Elmlawn Cemetery, Buffalo, New York



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Name: HAUSER

Killed in Action

Hometown: DEPEW

KENNETH

C.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Served in War Zone **Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

Service Notes:

Kenneth C. Hauser honorably served in the United States Army

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Kenneth Hauser was a Volunteer Fireman with the Hy-View Fire Company for over 50 years / Hauser was a member of the Taurean Club / Kenneth Hauser was inducted into the New York State Softball Hall of Fame in 1978 / Kenneth C. "Moose" Hauser passed away on 2 May 2025 at the age of 90 years old



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Name: HAYDEN

Killed in Action

Hometown: CHEEKTOWAGA

GERALD

J.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Served in War Zone **Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

Service Notes:

Gerald J. Hayden honorably served in the United States Navy / Gerald Hayden served as a Medical Corpsman for 5 1/2 years

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Gerald Hayden was a retired professor from SUNY at Buffalo / PHD. Gerald J. Hayden passed away on 3 July 2024 at the age of 96 years old

Navy Medical Corpsman were the enlisted medical specialists of the Navy and Marine Corps / Medical Corpsman are military enlisted person trained to give first aid and minor medical treatment / The Medical Corps consists of commissioned medical officers who are physicians / A combat medic is responsible for providing emergency medical treatment at a point of wounding in a combat or training environment / U.S. Army Medics and U.S. Navy Corpsmen were the enlisted "first responders" of the Vietnam War



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: HAYES II

THOMAS

J.

Killed in Action

Hometown: GRAND ISLAND

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Served in War Zone **Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

Service Notes:

Thomas James Hayes II honorably served in the United States Navy

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Thomas Hayes graduated from Tonawanda High School and Colgate University with a Bachelor's Degree in Economics / Thomas Hayes worked as a Sales Manager of Tondisco Inc., a beer distributor / Hayes was retired from Taylor Hayes Inc. as a partner and had been owner/co-owner in numerous business ventures including Pool Town, Inc., Cannon International, Buffalo Boat and Motor, the Showboat Restaurant and Helf's Hot Dog Stand / Thomas Hayes was a member of Anerald Boat Club of Tonawanda and the Tonawanda Elk's Club / Thomas Hayes made the national news when he was eight years old for swimming across the Niagara River from the Ferry Landing at Ferry St. in Buffalo to the Bedell House on Grand Island / After his retirement, Hayes moved to Boynton Beach, Florida / Thomas James Hayes II passed away on 13 May 2012 at the age of 79 years old



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Name: HEADLEY

Killed in Action

Hometown: GRAND ISLAND

RONALD

C.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: ET1

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

USS KEARSARGE

Medals / Citations:

Served in War Zone **Theater of Operations / Assignment:** KOREA

Service Notes:

Electronics Technician First-Class Ronald C. Headley honorably served in the United States Navy / ET1 Ronald Headley was deployed to Korea and served aboard the USS Kearsarge as a Radar man

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Ronald Headley received a Masters Degree in Engineering from the University of Delaware / Ronald Headley was a former head Electrical Engineer at DuPont in Niagara Falls / Ronald C. Headley passed away on 15 April 2018

USS Kearsarge (CV/CVA/CVS-33) was one of 24 Essex-class aircraft carriers completed during or shortly after World War II for the United States Navy / The ship was the third US Navy ship to bear the name, and was named for a Civil War-era steam sloop / The Kearsarge was commissioned on 2 March 1946 and engaged in training operations along the East Coast and Caribbean / The Kearsarge sailed for the Far East to engage in combat missions in the Korean War / Arriving at Yokosuka on 8 September 1952, Kearsarge joined the fast carrier Task Force 77 (TF 77) off the east coast of Korea six days late / For the next five months, the carrier's planes flew nearly 6,000 sorties against Communist forces in North Korea, unleashing considerable damage on enemy positions / She completed her tour in late February 1953, returning to her home port of San Diego on 17 March 1953 / During the summer of 1958, Kearsarge was fitted out as a(n) (antisubmarine warfare) support carrier and reclassified CVS-33 / On 19 June 1964, the antisubmarine carrier was deployed on her ninth Far Eastern cruise / Arriving Yokosuka on 30 July, Kearsarge was dispatched to the South China Sea, following the Gulf of Tonkin Incident, the North Vietnamese patrol boat attack on U.S. destroyers in the Gulf of Tonkin in early August 1964 / While U.S. Navy planes destroyed North Vietnam oil and supply depots, Kearsarge provided antisubmarine protection for the 7th Fleet / The USS Kearsarge was decommissioned on 13 February 1970 / Following three years in the Reserve Fleet, she was stricken from the Naval Vessel Register in May 1973 and sold for scrap in February 1974



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Name: HEALY

Killed in Action

Hometown: WEST SENECA

EDWARD

T.

Address:

TREEHAVEN ROAD

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: AIR FORCE

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Served in War Zone **Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

Service Notes:

Edward T. Healy honorably served in the United States Air Force and was deployed to Korea / Edward Healy repaired airplanes in Okinawa during the Korean War

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Edward T. Healy graduated from Burgard Vocational School and volunteered in the US Air Force / After his Honorable Discharge, Healy started an apprenticeship with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) and was a member of Local 41 / Healy traveled to New York City where he worked on the construction of the 1964 World's Fair / Healy worked as an electrician for nearly 40 years before retiring in 1992 / Remaining active in the IBEW, Healy received his 65 year membership pin / Edward T Healy passed away at the age of 91 years old on 29 November 2021 and is interred at Holy Cross Cemetery, Lackawanna, New York



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Name: **HEBELER**

Killed in Action

Hometown: ORCHARD PARK

EDWARD

D.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: E.

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Served in War Zone **Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

Service Notes:

Edward Donald Hebelor honorably served in the United States Army

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Edward Hebelor attended Bishop Neumann High School, and Canisius College, where he excelled in Basketball and Baseball / Hebelor was a longtime leader in Western New York manufacturing and served as CEO of Hebelor Corporation from 1958 until 2001 / Edward Donald Hebelor passed away on 29 March 2026 at the age of 92 years old



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Name: HECK

Killed in Action

Hometown: WEST SENECA

CLARENCE

A.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Year Entered: 1952

Year Discharged: 1954

Unit / Squadron:

38TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

Medals / Citations:

KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL W/3 SERVICE STARS

UNITED NATIONS SERVICE MEDAL-KOREA

COMBAT INFANTRY BADGE

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Served in War Zone **Theater of Operations / Assignment:** KOREA

Service Notes:

Corporal Clarence Arthur "Art" Heck honorably served in the United States Army / CPL Clarence Heck was deployed to Korea for 12 months and assigned to the 38th Infantry Regiment

CPL Clarence Heck received his Honorable Discharge from the United States Army on 27 January 1954

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Clarence Heck served as a firefighter for the East Seneca Hose Fire Company for 69 years / Clarence Arthur "Art" Heck passed away on 8 April 2018 at the age of 86 years old and is interred at Mt. Hope Cemetery, West Seneca, New York

The 38th Infantry Regiment is an infantry regiment of the United States Army and was established on 28 July 1866 / The 38th Infantry participated in the Korean Spring Offensive, the UN Summer-Fall Offensive, the Second Korean Winter Offensive, the Summer-Fall 1952 Offensive, the Third Korean Offensive and the Korean Summer Offensive of 1953 / Five members of the 38th Infantry Regiment were awarded the Medal of Honor for their actions in the Korean War

The Korean Service Medal (KSM) is a military award for service in the United States Armed Forces and was established November 8, 1950 by executive order of President Harry Truman / The Korean Service Medal is the primary US military award for service or participation in operations in the Korean area between June 27, 1950 and July 27, 1954 / Bronze service stars were awarded to all services for participation in designated campaigns



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The United Nations Service Medal for Korea is an international military decoration established by the United Nations on 15 December 1950 as the United Nations Service Medal / The decoration was the first international award ever created by the United Nations and recognized the multi-national defense forces which participated in the Korean War / The United Nations Service Medal (Korea) is awarded to any military service member, of an Armed Force allied with South Korea, who participated in the defense of South Korea from North Korea between the dates of 27 June 1950 and 27 July 1954

The Combat Infantryman Badge (CIB) is a United States Army military award / The badge is awarded to infantrymen and Special Forces soldiers in the rank of colonel and below, who fought in active ground combat while assigned as members of either an Infantry, Ranger or Special Forces unit, of brigade size or smaller, any time after 6 December 1941

The National Defense Service Medal (NDSM) is a service award of the United States Armed Forces established by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1953 / The National Defense Service Medal (NDSM) was first intended to be a "blanket campaign medal" awarded to service members who served honorably during a designated time period of which a "national emergency" had been declared during a time of war or conflict / It may also be issued to active military members for any other period that the Secretary of Defense designates / Currently, the National Defense Service Medal is the oldest service medal (as opposed to decorations for particular achievements such as valor or meritorious service and Good Conduct Medals) currently awarded by all branches of the United States Armed Forces

The Good Conduct Medal is one of the oldest military awards of the United States Armed Forces / The Navy Good Conduct Medal was established in 1869, the Marine Corps version in 1896, the Coast Guard version in 1923, the Army version in 1941, and the Air Force version in 1963 / The medal is awarded to any active-duty enlisted member of the United States military who completes three consecutive years of "honorable and faithful service" / Such service implies that a standard enlistment was completed without any non-judicial punishment, disciplinary infractions, or court martial offenses



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Name: **HEIN**

Killed in Action

Hometown: LACKAWANNA

JAMES J.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: MARINE CORPS

Rank: E-6

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

ARMED FORCES EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL

NAVY OCCUPATION ME

MARINE CORPS COMBAT ACTION RIBBON

NAVY-MARINE PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION RIBBON

VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL W/3 SERVICE STARS

REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL

REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM GALLANTRY CROSS MEDAL W/PALM

USMC GOOD CONDUCT MEDA (6 AWARDS)

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL W/1 SERVICE STAR

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: EXPERT (RIFLE)

Served in War Zone Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Staff Sergeant James J. Hein honorably served in the Marine Corps / SSGT James Hein served for 20 years during the Korea War era and in the Vietnam War

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

James J. Hein passed away on 28 August 2021

The Vietnam Service Medal is a military award of the United States Armed Forces established on 8 July 1965 by order of President Lyndon B. Johnson / The medal is awarded to recognize service during the Vietnam War by all members of the U.S. Armed Forces provided they meet the award requirements / Service stars were awarded to all services for participation in designated campaigns

The Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, also known as the Vietnam Campaign Medal is a South Vietnamese military campaign awarded during the Vietnam War (Second Indochina War), the South Vietnamese government awarded the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device (1960–) to members of the U.S. military for support of operations in Vietnam In May 1966 / The medal was awarded for two different periods of service in Vietnam / The first period for the award was from 8 March 1949 to 20 July 1954 / The second period was from 1 January 1960 to the end of the Vietnam War

The Vietnam Gallantry Cross Medal was awarded by the Vietnam Government to military personnel who have



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accomplished deeds of valor or displayed heroic conduct while fighting the enemy and have been cited individually at the regiment, brigade, division, corps, or armed forces level

The Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (AFEM) is a military award of the United States Armed Forces, which was first created in 1961 by Executive Order of President John Kennedy / The medal is awarded to members of the U.S. Armed Forces who, after July 1, 1958, participated in U.S. military operations, U.S. operations in direct support of the United Nations, or U.S. operations of assistance for friendly foreign nations

The Combat Action Ribbon is a high precedence United States Navy, United States Coast Guard, and United States Marine Corps military decoration awarded to United States sea service members "who have actively participated in ground or surface combat" / Coast Guardsmen, Navy sailors, and Marines active in clandestine, stealth or special operations are deemed eligible for consideration of the award / The Combat Action Ribbon is awarded when there is evidence that the Sailor/Marine engaged the enemy, was under hostile fire, or was physically attacked by the enemy / The service member must have demonstrated satisfactory performance under enemy fire while actively participating in a ground or surface engagement

The Presidential Unit Citation, originally called the Distinguished Unit Citation, is awarded to units of the United States Armed Forces for extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy on or after 7 December 1941

The Good Conduct Medal is one of the oldest military awards of the United States Armed Forces / The U.S. Navy's variant of the Good Conduct Medal was established in 1869, the Marine Corps version in 1896, the Coast Guard version in 1923, the Army version in 1941, and the Air Force version in 1963 / The Good Conduct Medal is awarded to any active duty enlisted member of the United States military who completes three consecutive years of "honorable and faithful service" / Such service implies that a standard enlistment was completed without any non-judicial punishment, disciplinary infractions, or court martial offenses

The National Defense Service Medal (NDSM) is a service award of the United States Armed Forces established by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1953 / It is awarded to every member of the US Armed Forces who has served during any one of four specified periods of armed conflict or national emergency from 1950 to the present / Combat or "in theater" service is not a requirement for the award

A Marksmanship Badge is a U.S. military badge or a civilian badge which is awarded to personnel upon successful completion of a weapons qualification course (known as marksmanship qualification badges) or high achievement in an official marksmanship competition (known as marksmanship competition badges) / The U.S. Army and the U.S. Marine Corps are the only military services that award marksmanship qualification badges / The U.S. military marksmanship qualification badges are awarded in three grades (highest to lowest): expert, sharpshooter, and marksman while their marksmanship competition badges are awarded in three to four grades (highest to lowest): distinguished, silver, and bronze for the U.S. Army and distinguished, gold, silver, and bronze for the Marine Corps



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Name: HENNIGAN

Killed in Action

Hometown: BUFFALO

JOSEPH

D.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: MARINE CORPS

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Served in War Zone **Theater of Operations / Assignment:** KOREA

Service Notes:

Joseph Donald Hennigan honorably served in the United States Marine Corps and was deployed to Korea

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Joseph Hennigan was employed as a Conrail brakeman and later became a City of Buffalo Policeman / After his retirement from the Buffalo Police Department, Hennigan moved to Florida / Joseph Donald Hennigan passed away on 22 December 2025 at the age of 89 years old and is interred at Bay Pines National Cemetery, Pinellas County, Florida



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Name: HENSEL

Killed in Action

Hometown: AMHERST

ARTHUR

A.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SGT

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Served in War Zone **Theater of Operations / Assignment:** KOREA

Service Notes:

Sergeant Arthur A. Hensel honorably served in the United States Army / SGT Arthur Hensel was deployed to Korea as an Infantryman

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Originally from Amherst, New York, Arthur Hensel moved to Surfside Beach, South Carolina / Hensel was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) / Arthur A. Hensel passed away at the age of 92 years old on 1 May 2023 and is interred at Germania Cemetery, Abbott, Pennsylvania

Infantry refers to soldiers moving and fighting on foot, armed with hand weapons such as rifles, machine guns, grenades, mortars, etc.



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Name: HERON

Killed in Action

Hometown: TONAWANDA

ROBERT

C.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: MARINE CORPS

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Served in War Zone **Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

Service Notes:

Robert C. Heron honorably served in the United States Marine Corps

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Robert Heron was the owner of Mohawk Abrasive & Tool Company / Robert C. Heron passed away on 9 March 2024 at the age of 94 years old



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: HERR

Killed in Action

Hometown: BUFFALO

PAUL

H.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: MARINE CORPS

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Served in War Zone **Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

Service Notes:

Paul H. Herr honorably served in the United States Marine Corps

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Paul Herr retired to Naples, Florida / Paul H. Herr passed away on 9 April 2024 at the age of 92 years old



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Name: HESLIN

Killed in Action

Hometown: ORCHARD PARK

ROBERT

T.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: MARINE CORPS

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Served in War Zone **Theater of Operations / Assignment:** KOREA

Service Notes:

Robert T. Heslin honorably served in the United States Marine Corps and was deployed to Korea

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Robert Heslin retired from the Town of Rushford Assessor's Office / Heslin was active in the Rushford Volunteer Fire Department / Robert Heslin served as a Scoutmaster in the Allegheny Highlands Council / Robert T. Heslin passed away on 22 October 2024 at the age of 83 years old



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Name: HESS

Killed in Action

Hometown: GRAND ISLAND

JOHN

J.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Served in War Zone **Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

Service Notes:

John J. Hess honorably served in the United States Navy

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

John Hess was the owner and operator of Buffalo Loading Docks / Hess was a member of the LaSalle Yacht Club and Past Commodore of the Buffalo Launch Club / John J. Hess passed away on 28 April 2022 at the age of 91 years old and is interred at Whitehaven Cemetery, Grand Island, New York



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Name: HESS, SR.

Killed in Action

Hometown:

FREDERICK

D.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Served in War Zone **Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

Service Notes:

Frederick D. Hess, Sr. honorably served in the United States Navy

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Frederick Hess retired from the Bethlehem Steel Plant in Lackawanna / Hess also served as an Emertis Docent for the Buffalo Zoo / Frederick D. Hess, Sr. passed away on 28 December 2023



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Name: HIGGINS

Killed in Action

Hometown: HAMBURG

RICHARD J.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: AIR FORCE

Rank:

Year Entered: 1950

Year Discharged: 1954

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Served in War Zone **Theater of Operations / Assignment:** KOREA

Service Notes:

Richard J. Higgins honorably served in the United States Air Force and was deployed to Korea

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Richard Higgins was born in Houtzdale, Pennsylvania / Richard Higgins was a member of the American Legion Post #0591 in Houtzdale, Pennsylvania and Veterans of Foreign Wars, VFW Post #5296 in Salamanca, New York / Richard Higgins retired from the Buffalo Sewer Authority after 25 years service / After his retirement, Higgins worked seasonally for Holimont Ski Resort / Richard J. Higgins passed away on 29 March 2025 at the age of 96 year old and is interred at Mount Prospect Cemetery, Franklinville, New York



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **HOEHMAN SR**

Killed in Action

Hometown: CLARENCE CENTER

ROBERT

W.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: MARINE CORPS

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Served in War Zone **Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

Service Notes:

Robert W. Hoehman, Sr. honorably served in the United States Marine Corps

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Robert W. Hoehman, Sr. passed away on 8 December 2022 at the age of 92 years old



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Name: **HOLLAND**

Killed in Action

Hometown: EAST AMHERST

VINCENT

E.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Served in War Zone **Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

Service Notes:

Vincent E. "Vince" Holland honorably served in the United States Army / Vincent Holland was stationed in Germany

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Vincent Holland graduated from Lafayette High School and the University of Buffalo / After his Honorable Discharge from the United States Army, Holland went to work for Westinghouse & General Electric / Vincent Holland also served as an Consultant to 100 restaurants throughout Southeast Florida / Holland retired to Fort Pierce, Florida and Long Beach, Ontario, Canada / Vincent E. "Vince" Holland passed away on 14 June 2023



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: HOMER

Killed in Action

Hometown: BUFFALO

PAUL

R.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Year Entered: 1951

Year Discharged: 1953

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Served in War Zone **Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

Service Notes:

Paul R. Homer honorably served in the United States Army / Paul Homer was drafted and attended Basic Training at Ft. Jackson, South Carolina / Homer was the Drum Major on base from 1951-1953

Base Assignments:

Fort Jackson, South Carolina – Ft. Jackson is a United States Army installation, which United States Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) operates on for Basic Combat Training (BCT), and is located within the city of Columbia, South Carolina / The Ft. Jackson installation is named for Andrew Jackson, a United States Army general and the seventh president of the United States (1829–1837) who was born in the border region of North and South Carolina / Fort Jackson was created in 1917 at Camp Jackson as the U.S. entered World War I / At the conclusion of World War I, Camp Jackson was shut down and the Camp was abandoned on 25 April 1922 / Camp Jackson was reactivated for World War II where Franklin D. Roosevelt and George C. Marshall hosted a demonstration of the combat-readiness of several divisions for Winston Churchill / Fort Jackson is the largest and most active initial entry training center in the U.S. Army, training 50 percent of all soldiers entering the Army each year / Providing the Army with new soldiers is the post's primary mission / 35,000 potential soldiers attend basic training and 8,000 advanced individual training soldiers train at Fort Jackson annually.

Miscellaneous:

Paul Homer was born in the bronx, New York City / Before he was drafted into the U.S. Army, Paul Homer earned his Undergraduate and Master Education from Columbia University teachers College in 1950 / Paul Homer was a Teaching Professor of Music at Buffalo State University from 1953-1996 / Homer served as Vice President on the Board of trustees for the Chamber Music Society of Buffalo / Paul R. Homer passed away on 10 April 2025 at the age of 96 years old



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Name: **HONER**

Killed in Action

Hometown: TONAWANDA

JAMES

F.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Year Entered: 1952

Year Discharged: 1954

Unit / Squadron:

HEADQUARTERS/SERVICE COMPANY, 472ND ENGINEER AVIATION BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

Served in War Zone **Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

Service Notes:

Corporal James Francis Honer honorably served in the United States Army / CPL James Honer attended Engineer School at Fort Hayes, Ohio and served 13 months of foreign service in France

CPL James Honer received his Honorable Discharge from the United States Army on 23 March 1954

Base Assignments:

Fort Hayes, Ohio - Fort Hayes is a military post in Columbus, Ohio, United States / Created by an act of the United States Congress on July 11, 1862, the site was also known as the Columbus Arsenal until 1922, when the site was renamed after former Ohio Governor and later 19th U.S. President Rutherford B. Hayes / The history of Fort Hayes as a military post spans from its establishment in 1863 to the expected departure of the remaining military presence by the end of 2009

Miscellaneous:

James Honer graduated from Canisius High School in 1949 / Honer joined Buffalo Plate and Window Glass Corp. as a salesman / James Honer went to work for Sterling Glass Co. in Buffalo as an Estimator and enrolled on the G.I. Bill at Erie County Technical Institute, now Erie Community College, where he studied blueprints and construction / Honer became Vice President when he left the company in 1985 after it was sold / James Honer then went to Alpha Masonry and Construction in West Seneca, where he worked as an Estimator until his retirement in 2002 / James Honer was active for more than 60 years at St. Mark Catholic Church in North Buffalo as a lector, a eucharistic minister, ran the parish's Catholic Charities drive and was longtime president of the Holy Name Society / James Francis Honer passed away on 13 May 2022 at the age of 90 years old

The original concept of an Engineer Aviation Battalion was to take a small group of skilled construction and engineer troops, closely trained alongside air units, with the ability to repair bomb damaged airfields, to camouflage airfields and if necessary, to defend airfields / These troops would also be capable of constructing light duty airfields in forward locations



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **HOOPER**
THOMAS L.

Killed in Action

Hometown: EDEN

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: PO3

Year Entered: 1951

Year Discharged: 1955

Unit / Squadron:

USS ALCONA (AK-157)

Medals / Citations:

Served in War Zone **Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

Service Notes:

Petty Officer Third-Class Thomas Louis Hooper honorably served in the United States Navy / PO3 Thomas Hooper was assigned to the USS Alcona (AK-157), delivering cargo in the Asiatic - Pacific Theater

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Thomas Hooper was a 4th Degree Member of the Knights of Columbus / Thomas Louis Hooper passed away on 26 September 2024 at the age of 93 years old and is interred at Holy Cross Cemetery, Lackawanna, New York

USS Alcona (AK-157) was an Alamosa-class cargo ship commissioned by the U.S. Navy for service in World War II / She was responsible for delivering troops, goods and equipment to locations in the war zone / The Alcona was commissioned on 15 September 1944 and on 23 October 1944, Alcona took on board cargo and got underway on the last day of October to commence operations supplying American advanced bases in New Guinea and later, in the Philippines which would keep her occupied for the rest of World War II / The USS Alcona was decommissioned on 5 May 1955 and struck from the Naval Register on 1 April 1960 / She was laid up as part of the Charleston Group, Atlantic Reserve Fleet from the time she was decommissioned until she was sold / Her title was returned to the Maritime Commission on 28 July 1960, and sold the same day to Hugo Neu Steel Products for scrapping which was completed on 31 October 1961



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **HORNBERGER**

Killed in Action

Hometown: HAMBURG

JOSEPH

H.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Served in War Zone **Theater of Operations / Assignment:** KOREA

Service Notes:

Joseph H. Hornberger honorably served in the United States Army and was deployed to Korea

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Joseph H. Hornberger passed away on 5 December 2023 at the age of 90 years old



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **HOUGH**

Killed in Action

Hometown: TONAWANDA

CHARLES

R.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Served in War Zone **Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

Service Notes:

Charles R. Hough honorably served in the United States Army

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Charles Hough graduated from Tonawanda High School in 1952 before joining the Army / Hough was employed by Niagara Cutter in North Tonawanda, NY / Charles R. Hough passed away on 31 March 2025 at the age of 90 years old and is interred at Elmlawn Cemetery Mausoleum, Buffalo, New York



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Name: HUDSON

Killed in Action

Hometown: WEST SENECA

MARGARET

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Served in War Zone **Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

Service Notes:

Margaret "Margot" Hudson honorably served in the United States Army

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Margaret "Margot" Hudson passed away on 6 August 2025 at the age of 93 years old



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Name: **HULIN**

Killed in Action

Hometown: DEPEW

ALBERT

L.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Served in War Zone **Theater of Operations / Assignment:** KOREA

Service Notes:

Albert L. Hulin honorably served in the United States Army and was deployed to Korea

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Albert Hulin graduated from Buffalo Vocational High School and was a recipient of the Jesse Ketchum Award (The Jesse Ketchum Awards are presented annually to eighth-grade students with the highest academic average in Buffalo Public Schools / The awards have been presented for the past 152 years and honors the legacy of Jesse Ketchum, a notable figure in Buffalo history, who is credited with donating land and buildings to establish the first teacher training center in Buffalo) / Hulin retired from the Pullman Foundry in Buffalo / Albert Hulin was a member of the Depew American Legion Post #1528 / Albert L. Hulin passed away on 17 December 2023 at the age of 94 years old and is interred at St. Adalbert Cemetery, Lancaster, New York



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Name: HUNT, JR.

Killed in Action

Hometown: HAMBURG

CHARLES L.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SGT

Year Entered: 1949

Year Discharged: 1952

Unit / Squadron:

7742 ENGINEERING DEPOT DETACHMENT

Medals / Citations:

ARMY OF OCCUPATION OF GERMANY MEDAL W/ CLASP

NATIONAL DEFENSE MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Served in War Zone **Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

Service Notes:

Sergeant Charles L. Hunt, Jr. honorably served in the United States Army / SGT Charles Hunt was stationed in Hanua, Germany for 34 months, assigned to an Engineering Depot Detachment as part of the Allied Occupation Force in Germany following World War II

Base Assignments:

Fort Banks, Massachusetts - Fort Banks was a U.S. Coast Artillery fort located in Winthrop, Massachusetts and is named for Nathaniel P. Banks, a Civil War general, the 24th Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and a former Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives / Built in the 1890s, the fort served to defend Boston Harbor from enemy attack from the sea / The fort was active during World War II as the site of the Harbor Defense Command Post (HDCP) for the Harbor Defenses of Boston / Fort Banks was the WWII location for an anti-aircraft defense command post, a meteorological station, and a bunker holding the "secure" central switchboard for the Harbor Command / Today, almost all traces of the fort except for the mortar pits and magazines have been destroyed

Hanua, Germany - USAG Hessen Army Base was a military garrison operated by the United States of America in Germany / It was one of the dozens of such co-bases located in the central and southern parts of Germany following World War II as part of the occupation forces / While many US facilities continue to close in Germany, Hanau and its outlying communities (Buedingen, Gelnhausen, and Fliegerhorst) remain strong

Miscellaneous:

Charles L. Hunt graduated from Blasdell High School, earning the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) and worked at Bethlehem Steel prior to entering military service / After receiving his Honorable Discharge from the Army, Hunt was employed by Ford Stamping Plant for two years followed by a short stint at the Buffalo Stamping Plant / Using his GI benefits, Charlie Hunt attended Buffalo State Teachers College and obtained a Master's Degree in Education /



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Charles Hunt went into teaching, joining the staff at Iroquois High School in Elma where he taught Mechanical Drawing until his retirement in 1986 / Hunt was an award winning woodcarver and member of the Southtowns Woodcarvers Club, whose work has been on display at different businesses and fairs / Hunt's miniature carousel is on display at Canal Side Park on the Buffalo Waterfront / Hunt was a member of the Springbrook Fire Department, AMVETS Post #8113, American Legion Post #735 in West Seneca and the West Seneca Joint Veterans Committee / Charles L. Hunt, Jr. passed away on 25 September 2023 at the age of 93 years old and his remains were cremated

After Germany's defeat in the Second World War, the four main allies in Europe - the United States, Great Britain, the Soviet Union, and France - took part in a joint occupation of the German state / With the original understanding that the country would eventually be reunified, the Allied Powers agreed to share the responsibility of administering Germany and its capital, Berlin, and each took responsibility for a certain portion of the defeated nation / This arrangement ultimately evolved into the division of Germany into a Western and an Eastern sector, thereby contributing to the Cold War division of Europe / In 1949, the occupying powers in both East and West Germany replaced their military governors with civilian leaders, and the occupations ended officially in the mid-1950s

The Army of Occupation Medal is a military award of the United States military which was established by the United States War Department on 5 April 1946 / The medal was created in the aftermath of the Second World War to recognize those who had performed occupation service in either Germany, Italy, Austria, Japan or Korea / The original Army of Occupation Medal was intended only for members of the United States Army, but was expanded in 1948 to encompass the United States Air Force shortly after that service's creation / The Navy and Marine equivalent of the Army of Occupation Medal is the Navy Occupation Service Medal, which features the same ribbon with its own medallion and clasps

The National Defense Service Medal (NDSM) is a service award of the United States Armed Forces established by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1953 / It is awarded to every member of the US Armed Forces who has served during any one of four specified periods of armed conflict or national emergency from 1950 to the present / Combat or "in theater" service is not a requirement for the award

The Good Conduct Medal is one of the oldest military awards of the United States Armed Forces / The U.S. Navy's variant of the Good Conduct Medal was established in 1869, the Marine Corps version in 1896, the Coast Guard version in 1923, the Army version in 1941, and the Air Force version in 1963 / The Good Conduct Medal is awarded to any active duty enlisted member of the United States military who completes three consecutive years of "honorable and faithful service" / Such service implies that a standard enlistment was completed without any non-judicial punishment, disciplinary infractions, or court martial offenses



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **HYZIAK**

Killed in Action

Hometown:

LEONARD

E.

Address:

Korean Era

Korean War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Year Entered:

Year Discharged:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Served in War Zone *Theater of Operations / Assignment:* KOREA

Service Notes:

Corporal Leonard E. Hyziak honorably served in the United States Army and was deployed to Korea

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Leonard E. Hyziak passed away on 4 October 1987 at the age of 57 years old and is interred at Saint Adalberts Cemetery, Lancaster, New York